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While ship captain's statement of protest filed with Captain of Port of Habana has not been made public several local dailies carry what purports to be significant highlights. Newspaper EL MUNDO for March 8 says he declared that ship loaded general cargo at Antwerp and proceeded February 16 to Port of Liftenzaes some eight miles distant to load ammunition. At Liftenzaes ship anchored in estuary and loaded from lighters from 9:30 to 1:30. Article does not state whether a.m. or p.m. Embassy understands from other sources that ship loaded at night and when crew learned of nature of cargo it demanded extra, hazardous duty pay. Ship then proceeded to Le Havre where it docked and loaded cars. Ship departed for Habana February 19 and arrived Habana two days late due to bad weather. Newspaper REVOLUCION for March 8 reports captain as stating ship not loaded at Antwerp as in case of previous shipment but in river near Antwerp by launches. REVOLUCION also reports captain said that after loading completed, ship underwent certain repairs and implies this time when sabotage could have been committed.

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